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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- FIRST SESSION OF SUGAR COUNCIL

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1. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR COUNCIL WAS HELD JANUARY 16-24 IN LONDON. AS REPORTED REFTEL, MOST OF THE SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO PROCEDUAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. DURING THE SESSION THREE COUNTRIES ADDITIONAL TO THOSE LISTED IN REFTEL COMPLETED PROCEDURES FOR PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP: MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE AS EXPORTING MEMBERS AND PORTUGAL AS AN IMPORTING MEMBER THIS BRINGS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 24 TO 33

EXPORTING AND 11 IMPORTING MEMBERS.

2. THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED ERNEST JONES-PARRY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; NOTED THAT HE WOULD RETIRE ON 30 JUNE 1978 AND ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES TO SELECT HIS SUCCESSOR. INCLUDED IN THIS PROCEDURE IS A PANEL OF EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS WHICH IS TO REVIEW PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS. THE U.S. IS ON THE PANEL.

3. THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE 1978 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET OF POUNDS STERLING 530,000, WHICH WORKS OUT TO POUNDS STERLING 265 PER VOTE. THE USA HAS 300 VOTES, THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED IN THE AGREEMENT.

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4. BASED ON THE REPORT OF THE STATISTICS COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED THE GLOBAL QUOTA FOR 1978 AT 10.715 THOUSAND METRIC TONS AND NOTED THAT BECAUSE THE PREVAILING PRICE IS BELOW THE 11 CENT PER POUND MINIMUM ISA PRICE, THE LEVEL OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS IN EFFECT WOULD BE 85 PERCENT OF EACH COUNTRY'S BASIC EXPORT TONNAGE (BET). THE COUNCIL FURTHER NOTED THAT QUOTAS IN EFFECT ARE LIKELY TO BE REDUCED A FURTHER 2.5 PERCENT ON APRIL 21, 1978 (THE 78TH MARKET DAY OF THE NEW ISA) AND RECOMMENDED THAT MEMBERS WITH BETS NOT COMMIT FOR EXPORT IN 1978 MORE THAN THEIR MINIMUM EXPORT ENTITLEMENTS.

5. THE COUNCIL APPROVED PROVISIONALLY THE DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND THOSE DRAFT ECONOMIC RULES REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE AGREEMENT. THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

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COMMITTEE MET THROUGHOUT THE COUNCIL SESSION AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JANUARY 26. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN AND COMPLETE ITS WORK BEFORE THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9.

6. COMMENT: IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE TENSE AND OFTEN CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE ISA, THE FIRST COUNCIL SESSION WAS MARKED BY A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND A GENERALLY PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO ISSUES. THE THREE LARGEST EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS (AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CUBA, CANADA, JAPAN AND USA) WORKED WELL TOGETHER AND COORDINATED THEIR POSITION INFORMALLY BEFORE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN (EL BOUS OF EGYPT) WAS NOTABLY EFFECTIVE IN KEEPING DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON THE AGENDA TOPICS AND MOVING THEM FORWARD TO CONSENSUS. THE ONLY SURPRISE AT THE COUNCIL SESSION WAS A STATEMENT BY THE USSR WHICH INTERPRETED A RESERVATION IT HAD MADE ON SIGNING THE AGREEMENT AS MEANING THAT THE USSR WOULD NOT ENFORCE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STOCK FINANCING FUND. THIS RESERVATION WILL BE FORMALLY CONSIDERED AT THE MAY COUNCIL SESSION.

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